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Chief Administrative Officer

June 26, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

ISSUES RAISED AT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED - 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Receive and file the attached report containing issues raised at public budget hearings.

PROPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board may wish to consider these issues raised at public budget hearings during Budget Deliberations. Since you will be addressing these items at that time, I am recommending that you receive and file all issues presented.

Attached is a compilation of issues raised at public budget hearings by oral (Attachment I) and written testimony (Attachment II) including individual Supervisor's and departmental requests for additional funding for various programs.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No fiscal impact.

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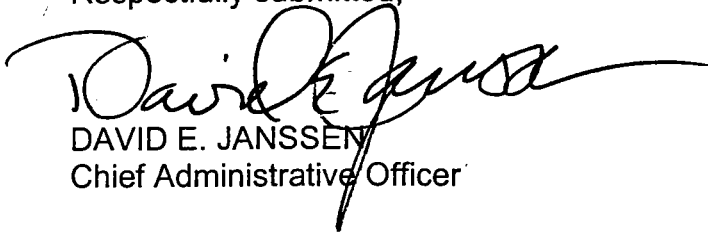
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

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MAY 10, 2006
ORAL TESTIMONY**

SPEAKER	DEPARTMENT/AFFILIATION	TOPIC
Marcia Mayeda, Director	Animal Care and Control	<p>Animal Care and Control Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Staffing – 20 additional officers needed to respond to complaints. (\$1,065,780) • Veterinarian Salaries – To retain and attract qualified veterinarians, salaries must be increased to be competitive; also requested three additional veterinarians. (\$450,000) • Call Center Staffing – additional staff [seven Intermediate Typist Clerks] required to answer telephones in the centralized call center. (\$328,986) • Request does not include need for additional support staff (10 positions) to improve administrative and financial controls. (\$660,000) • Overall, 128 employees (\$6.6 million) would be required to adequately staff Department.
Lawrence Lue	<p>Chair, Asian-Pacific Islander Children Youth and Family Council,</p> <p>Executive Director, Chinatown Service Center</p>	<p>Children and Family Services Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department should reimburse for travel expenses incurred when visiting clients. • Commit \$150,000 to ensure that services reach all Service Planning Areas (SPA).
Lonnie Woods	Department of Children and Family Services Employee	<p>Children and Family Services Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerical staffing levels be increased.
Bart Diener, Asst. General Manager	Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 660	<p>General Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County salaries are lower than the City of Los Angeles, the State and surrounding cities. • Low salaries cause an over reliance on contractors. <p>High vacancies for healthcare workers.</p>

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Jenny Yang for Joe Salcido, Member	SEIU Local 660	General Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salcido was not able to attend because of low staffing. • Large dependence on registry services due to insufficient compensation, specifically in respect to Respiratory Therapists.
Debra Ward, Deputy Director	Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County	Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the County's Public Private Partnership (PPP) program. • Stagnant growth of reimbursement from the government. • Commended the County and Department of Health Services (DHS) on their increase to the PPP program and their overall commitment to the program.
Miki Jackson	AIDS Community and Advocates	Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked that DHS sustain current levels of AIDS program services despite the reductions in State and federal funding.
Charles Adams, Member	SEIU Local 660	Internal Services Department Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that the Internal Services Department is eliminating custodial positions. • Contractors do not pay fair wages or decent benefits.
Carol Dorbacopoulos	National Alliance for Mental Health	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It costs more to incarcerate and treat individuals than it does to properly treat them. • Better to prevent than to treat.

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James Randell	National Alliance for Mental Health	<p>Mental Health Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Mental Health (DMH) should be a County priority. • An offer of one-time only funding is not a solution. • Mental health services are needed as much as support for the homeless and jails.
Bruce Saltzer	Association of Community Human Service Agencies	<p>Mental Health Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposition 63 provides million of dollars for mental illness. • Asked the Board to accept the DMH's budget proposals. • Asked the Board to contribute \$18.5 million for mental health services. • If additional funding is not provided to DMH, many mental health patients will not be treated and will become burdens on the County's jail and hospital systems.
Susan Mandel	Pacific Clinics	<p>Mental Health Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant lack of funding for uninsured individuals. • Increasing reliance on budgets from Community Agencies. • Workforce crisis.
Dr. Kita Curry	Didi Hirsh Community Mental Health Center	<p>Mental Health Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked the Board to increase funding for mental health to create parity. • 50 percent of the homeless/poverty community does not have insurance. • 1 percent of the County's Budget goes to Mental Health.

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Lillian Coral	SEIU Local 660 and DMH Employee	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH should not cut services despite its structural deficit. • Individuals who do not receive mental health treatment end up in county jails.
Carl Levinger	SEIU Local 660 and DMH Employee	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some mentally ill individuals only receive treatment when they are incarcerated. • The Mental Health Services Act requires the Department to change the way they provide services.
Robert Gilkey, President	Quality Assurance Board	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-help and self-sufficiency for the mentally ill is important. • The County should implement a Universal transportation Voucher system to allow the mentally ill to get treatment on their own before an episode occurs. • Mental Health costs could be lowered if the County implemented a Universal Transportation Voucher program.
Stella March	National Alliance on Mental Health	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the breakdown of the Department's funding deficit and encouraged the Board the fund mental health services.
Kimberly Boyce, President-elect	Quality Assurance Board	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult mental health services needed for those with dependent children.

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Luis Garcia	Latino Mental Health Council	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that Latinos need mental health services.
Jury Candelario	Asian-Pacific Policy and Planning Council	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian and Pacific Islander communities need mental health services.
Canossa Chan, Director	Asian-Pacific Islander Older Adults Task Force and Asian-Pacific Policy and Planning Council	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian and Pacific Islander communities need mental health services. • Title 3 and Title 3(E) provide funding for the Asian and Pacific Islander Community.
Veronika Geronimo	Asian-Pacific American Legal Center	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for medical translation services. • Request that \$2.5 million dollars be allocated to each hospital in order to provide linguistic services. • In 2002, a Cultural Linguistic Competency Standard was passed, but has not been implemented. • Underserved Asian and Pacific Islander mentally ill individuals are unable to get adequate services due to the lack of insurance.
Emy Singson	Immigrant Mental Health Issues	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested that funding for Asian-Pacific Islander mental health services not be cut.
Mariko Kahn	Asian-Pacific Policy and Planning Council	Mental Health Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that the Department should be allowed to use carry-over savings to fund its budget deficit.

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Gordon Stefenhagen, Chair	Los Angeles County Library Commission	Public Library Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libraries provide family services, computer use for learning, and a place for children to go.
Kim Peters, Member	SEIU Local 660	Public Library Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salaries in the libraries are too low to recruit qualified employees. Entry level staff accepts positions to gain experience and leave for higher paying positions outside of the County. The City of Los Angeles has a longer hiring process, but the pay is higher. The County pays thousands of dollars less than the City of Los Angeles.
Susan Pour-Sanae	SEIU Local 660	Public Social Services Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) will require that County's program be reevaluated. Maintain the CalWORKS program. Increase staffing levels in DPSS.
Leroy Baca, Sheriff	Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving women from Twin Towers (TT) to Justice Center, so TT can hold more serious offenders Referred to \$10.4 million for items needed by Department (presumably in booklet given to the Board of Supervisors) Referred to Inmate Welfare Fund items (in booklet) Discussed equity of allocation of patrol and vacancies. Tracking personnel through a monthly report to be submitted to the Board of

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		<p>Supervisors, including Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) deputies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting - Current 3 Academy classes have 217 and anticipate 2 more classes totaling 447 by June 28. Expect to graduate 400. • Researching the idea of a stipend for successful recruits. • Currently testing 6 days a week and doing backgrounds more quickly to keep applicants. • Anticipates net gain of personnel at Burbank airport due to taking 15-16 deputies out of the 35 stationed at Burbank Airport and replacing with security staff. • All lateral transfers and new deputies go to jails. Sheriff hoping to reduce deputy jail time from 5 years to 2-3 years. • Jail rotations not efficient because it creates an administrative cost with no real benefits. • Advocating changing of the labor contract formula, raising it from the 35 percent maximum civilian custody assistant cap. • Stated that he would like savings from changing the labor contract formula to go to patrol and detectives rather than lose the items. • 10,000 Sq. Ft addition to Athens Station. • Prop 172 funding and additional funding from the Board of Supervisors for COPS deputies, but 63 positions vacant. • Competing Vacancies - If the Board of Supervisors wants COPS fully

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		<p>staffed, it will reduce staff in other areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Plan – 1) Monitor number of radio car personnel in unincorporated and contract cities; 2) when new persons come in, split equally based on proportion of people • Capital Plan for jails – refurbishing, especially Sybil Brand Institute, and asking for staff. • Bond measure • Fixed Assets – funded by Inmate Welfare Fund, processing fee (for buses), and fund balance.
Faustino Escovel, Member	SEIU Local 660	<p>Sheriff's Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custody Clerks in the Sheriff's Department deserve a pay increase.

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Gloria Molina, Supervisor	First District	<p>2006-07 Proposed Budget Additional funding to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroner • Parks and Recreation • Public Library <p>Develop a civic center in the San Gabriel Valley to provide services to the unincorporated area residents.</p> <p>Bridge funding for the CalWORKs After school program and the CalWORKs Summer Youth Employment Jobs program.</p> <p>Completely fund and expand the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Child Care Institute Program. Provide a mechanism to create permanent funding for expansions.</p> <p>Fund environmental health vending program.</p> <p>Funding to increase services to the unincorporated areas.</p>
Yvonne B. Burke, Supervisor	Second District	<p>2006-07 Proposed Budget Additional funding for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Care and Control • Chief Administrative Office • Community and Senior Services • Consumer Affairs • Coroner • Hubert Humphrey Clinic • Internal Services Department (ISD) • Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center • Mental Health • Natural History Museum • Office of Public Safety

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and Recreation • Public Library • Public Social Services • Public Works • Probation • Regional Planning • Sheriff <p>Funding for schools regarding diversity training and safety patrols.</p> <p>Total funding to continue broadcasting of Los Angeles County Arts Commission's Holiday Celebration Program to come from the Cable TV Franchise Fund, and funding for the Inter Arts Program from the money that would thereby be freed up in the General Fund.</p> <p>Increased funding to various food bank and community meal sites.</p> <p>Funding for tobacco cessation services.</p> <p>Restoration of funds for public-private partnerships.</p> <p>Consideration of funding for Rent Mediation Board to review issues related to affordable housing/rent stabilization.</p> <p>Continued support for initiatives to end homelessness.</p> <p>Funds to establish a formal ongoing Request For Proposal response-training academy for small agencies who wish to provide services to the County.</p> <p>Reallocate funds in the Community Development Division to finance "Red Team Task Force," and funding for</p>

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		<p>Nuisance Abatement Team, Narcotics Eviction Team, and Community Enhancement and Improvement Team efforts.</p> <p>Additional funding in Regional Planning, Public Works, Environmental Health, Animal Care and Sheriff for Nuisance Abatement teams for each district.</p> <p>Additional staff and resources for Unincorporated Area Services division of the Chief Administrative Office to improve community services related to Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Full funding for all needs of the Department of the Coroner including additional refrigerated vehicles and the disposal of unclaimed bodies.</p> <p>Remove abandoned railroad tracks.</p> <p>Funding for additional landscaping in low-income residential areas.</p> <p>Fully fund the remodeling and the transformation of the Florence-Firestone Service Center into a full service civic center housing departments providing services in the unincorporated areas.</p> <p>Funding for the Community and Youth Centers in Lennox; and Lennox Expansion.</p> <p>Refurbishment of swimming pools in the Second District.</p> <p>Funding for an additional restroom at Alondra Park.</p>

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		<p>Full funding of Probation Camps.</p> <p>Construction of a new Athens Sheriff's Station.</p> <p>Funding to address the escape problems at the Probation Camps.</p> <p>Funding to address gang intervention services and supplement Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Funds.</p> <p>Funding for an independent Review Panel to investigate complaints against the Probation Department and its employees.</p> <p>Fully fund the Office of Public Safety for adequate recruitment of new officers, Parks Service Bureau supervision and contract monitoring.</p> <p>Funding for curfew enforcement.</p>
Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor	Third District	<p>2006-07 Proposed Budget</p> <p>Sufficient revenue to sustain operation of the County's public hospitals and clinics.</p> <p>Funding to reopen the adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds at Olive View Medical Center</p> <p>Additional funding to support non-profit arts organizations through the Organizational Grants Program.</p> <p>Funding to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to match funds provided by the City of Los Angeles that will establish a line of credit for cash flow management purposes.</p> <p>Funding to support outreach for the</p>

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		<p>Earned Income Tax Credit campaign.</p> <p>Consideration of funding to reinstate Youth Jobs.</p> <p>Enhanced funding to improve educational outcomes for children and youth in the County's child welfare and probation systems.</p> <p>Consideration of funding to support community building efforts so that residents can build local networks and reduce reliance on government assistance and programs.</p> <p>Consideration of increased funding for escalating retiree health costs.</p>
Don Knabe, Supervisor	Fourth District	<p>2006-07 Proposed Budget</p> <p>Consideration of funding for DHS to keep Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center open as a County hospital and/or the conversion to a non-profit institution.</p> <p>Additional funding for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth District Arts Education Enrichment Program • Arts Commission grant funding • Underfunded Beach capital projects • Underfunded Marina capital improvement projects • Maintenance programs for beach and marina facilities <p>Departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Administrative Office • Children and Family Services • Community and Senior Services • Community Development Commission

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Affairs • Coroner • District Attorney • Fire • Health Services • Homeland Security • Library • Mental Health • Military and Veterans Affairs • Museums • Ombudsman • Office of Public Safety • Parks and Recreation • Probation • Public Library • Public Social Services • Public Works • Regional Planning • Sheriff <p>Funding for various Unincorporated Area services and programs.</p>
Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor	Fifth District	<p>2006-07 Proposed Budget Additional Funding for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Care and Control • Chief Administrative Office • Community and Senior Services • District Attorney • Museum of Natural History • Parks and Recreation • Probation • Public Defender • Public Library • Public Works • Regional Planning • Sheriff

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Janice Y. Fukai, Alternate Public Defender	Alternate Public Defender	<p>Unmet Needs Costs of \$5,170,000 for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for four positions to handle juvenile delinquency cases at the McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center in the Antelope Valley. (\$448,000) • Funding for 15 positions due to workload increases. (\$2,006,000) • Funding for increases in services and supplies. (\$131,000)
Sharon R. Harper, Chief Deputy	Chief Administrative Office	<p>Unmet Needs Costs of \$2,063,000 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of one position to oversee various programs in Risk Management. (\$194,000) • Funding for one position to oversee the implementation of the County's Homeless Prevention Initiative. (\$148,000) • Funding for two positions to develop primary prevention programs. (\$180,000) • Funding for one position to coordinate transition age/youth emancipation programs. (\$110,000) • Funding for eight positions to establish a new unit to implement and oversee the County Channel. (\$1,431,000) <p>Departmental Final Changes Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Employee Benefits, Provisional Financing Uses and reserves and designations appropriations.
Pastor Herrera, Jr., Director	Consumer Affairs	<p>Unmet Needs Costs of \$564,000 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for two positions in administrative services division. (\$165,000) • Funding for ISD information technology shared services.

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		(\$99,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for two positions for staff of the Identity Theft Unit. (\$300,000)
Steve Cooley, District Attorney	District Attorney	Unmet Needs Costs of \$10,049,085 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding two positions for the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force. (\$341,053) Funding for one position for the Joint Terrorism Task Force. (\$199,029) Funding for 11 positions for the Code Enforcement Program. (\$1,949,629) Funding for six positions for the Identity Tech Unit. (\$948,789) Funding for five positions for the Fraud Interdiction unit. (\$776,339) Funding for 16 positions for the Justice System Integrity Division. (\$2,127,179) Funding for 10 positions for the Public Integrity Division. (\$1,768,364) Funding for 10 positions for the Lifer Hearings unit. (\$1,604,721) Funding for two positions for the Antelope Valley Juvenile Office. (\$333,982)
Robin S. Toma, Executive Director	Human Relations Commission	Unmet Needs Costs of \$527,000 for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for one position and services and supplies for the Zerohour Schools project. (\$287,000) Funding for one position to strengthening the community capacity to resolve conflict. (\$99,000) Funding for leveraging existing resources. (\$30,000)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for one position and services and supplies for the Performance Evaluation and Measurement System Project. (\$111,000)
<p>Michael J. Henry, Director of Human Resources</p> <p>Margaret A. York, Chief</p>	Office of Public Safety	<p>Unmet Needs Costs of \$1,376,000 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for recruitment. (\$745,000) Funding for four additional Lieutenant positions in the Parks Services Bureau. (\$340,000) Funding for five positions for contract monitoring and procurement. (\$291,000)
Russ Guiney, Director	Parks and Recreation	<p>Unmet Needs Costs of \$22,475,000 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for Landscaping Contracts. (\$2,072,000) Funding for Information Technology Staff. (\$839,000) Funding for Human Resources. (\$446,000) Funding for Park District Manager Plan. (\$786,000) Funding for Youth Enhancing Parks Project. (\$375,000) Funding for Departmentwide specialty Items. (\$440,000) Funding for Historical and Cultural Archiving. (\$294,000) Funding for Regional Facilities Construction. (\$223,000) Funding for Enhanced Park Services. (\$17,000,000)
Robert B. Taylor, Chief Probation Officer	Probation	<p>Unmet Needs Costs of \$163,900,000 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to address security needs at the juvenile halls and camps. (\$115.1 million) Funding for juvenile institutional needs, including camp redesign.

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		(\$22.6 million) • Funding for a departmental reorganization. (\$26.2 million)
Michael P. Judge, Public Defender	Public Defender	Unmet Needs Costs of \$5,113,000 for: • Funding for 21 additional Investigators. (\$2,126,000) • Funding for 22 Deputy Public Defenders I's and one Deputy Public Defender II. (\$2,011,000) • Funding for 11 Administrative/Information Technology Staff. (\$976,000)
Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian	Public Library	Unmet Needs Costs of \$879,800,000 for: • Funding for Books and Library. (\$12.7 million) • Funding for Expanded Service Hours. (\$5.2 million) • Funding for Facility Replacement. (\$847,000) • Funding for Enhanced Bookmobile Program. (\$855,000) • Funding for Customer Self-Service Implementation. (\$7.3 million) • Funding for Information Technology Upgrades. (\$3.8 million) • Funding for Americans with Disabilities Act facilities upgrades. (\$2.5 million)
James E. Hartl, AICP, Acting Director of Planning	Regional Planning	Unmet Needs Costs of \$3,445,000 for: • Funding for eight positions for Field Office Operations. (\$582,000) • Funding for 11 positions for Land Development Permit Processing. (\$979,000) • Funding for three positions for Airport Land Use Section. (\$447,000) • Funding for Environmental

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		<p>Processing/Forms Update. (\$336,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for five positions in Management Audit Implementation Programs. (\$542,000) • Funding for Strategic Workforce Planning and Database Administration. (\$559,000)
Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff	Sheriff's Department	<p>Unmet Needs Costs for \$29,782,000 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for 84 positions, services and supplies related to recruitment and training. (\$19,363,000) • Funding for 62 positions and other services and supplies for other unmet needs. (\$10,419,000)